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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 23 June 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13,14 and 16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kleinke on 31 August 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. claim 13 was replaced with —A mounting arrangement for mounting on a stationary bicycle chassis a variety of seats each having a pair of parallel frame members, comprising:

a base member having a clamp operatively interconnecting said base member and the bicycle chassis;

a horizontally disposed seat receiving platform supported on the base member;

the platform having on a top surface a pair of front and a pair of rear upstanding projection members for receiving the pair of parallel frame members to properly align and secure the seat on the platform;

at least two of the projection members including detents for retaining releasably the pair of parallel frame members within the projection members;

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the platform further having a pair of parallel channels formed on the upper surface thereof and extending between the front and rear projection members, said channels adapted for receiving the pair of parallel frame members;

an elongated lock block having a pair of latching curved recesses at opposite, distal ends thereof and rotatably mounted on the platform, said lock block being movable between a first position wherein the seat can be readily removed from the platform to enable another seat to be secured quickly in place, and a second position wherein the pair of latching curved recesses secure intermediate portions of the pair of parallel frame members;

the lock block having a length less than the distance between the pair of front and the pair of rear projecting members;

a rotatably mounted lock lever for enabling the lock block to be rotated;

front and rear post members pivotally supporting the platform above the base member at opposite ends thereof, the upper ends of the post members being pivotally attached to the platform to enable the platform to tilt laterally from side to side when the seat is being used;

a pair of compression springs flanking the rear post member to bias resiliently the platform into a generally parallel disposition relative to the base member, each spring extending between the platform and the base member.--;

b. claim 14, lines 1-3, "further including: a clamp operatively

interconnecting said base member and a chassis of a device, said

clamp comprising:" was replaced with --wherein said clamp includes:--;

c. claim 14, line 8, "the relative" was replaced with --relative--;

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- d. claim 15 was canceled;
- e. claim 16 was replaced with --A mounting arrangement according to claim 13, wherein the pair of parallel channels of the platform accommodate the seat--;
- f. claim 17 was canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 13, 14, and 16 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph F Edell whose telephone number is (703) 605-1216. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm.

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